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Dear City Manager/County Administrator:

In concert with our comprehensive Homeland Security Strategy and the initiatives outlined in the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (2006-GE-T6-0018) awarded July 1, 2006, the Commonwealth of Virginia, represented by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, desires to enter into an agreement with your jurisdiction for the purpose of delivering our statewide training, exercise, planning, and shelter programs. While the focus of our Homeland Security Strategy continues to be on our response to terrorism or threat of terrorism, the all-hazard approach will be maintained as we prepare to respond to all threats, be they natural, manmade, or technological.

To determine the FY06 funding allocations from the reduced amount of available grant funds, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) used a new formula based on "risk" and "need." DHS is charged with maximizing security and must prioritize efforts based on risk. The FY06 funding cycle is the first year in which DHS has a National Preparedness Goal to shape National Priorities and focus expenditures. To accomplish this goal states must focus on regional collaboration and build and enhance capabilities.

The National Preparedness Goal: *To achieve and sustain risk-based target levels of capability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from major events, and to minimize their impact on lives, property, and the economy, through systematic and prioritized efforts by federal, state, local and tribal entities, their private and non-governmental partners, and the general public.*

The Commonwealth received \$17.5 million less in FY06 than it received in FY05 and \$33.7 million less than in FY04, due in large measure to reductions in federal homeland security grant appropriations approved by Congress within the State Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Programs. In the past the Commonwealth was able to award funding to local jurisdictions on a per capita basis and over the past two funding cycles more than \$65 million has been passed thru to the local units of government throughout the Commonwealth. In FY06 available pass thru funding is approximately \$12 million, in which \$5 million is available for interoperability initiatives, \$400,000 for citizen preparedness, \$2 million for infrastructure protection in the Tidewater area, and \$1 million for law enforcement operations. Approximately \$3.5 million is left to develop and implement the major Homeland Security statewide programs for Exercises, Training (NIMS & Terrorism), and Planning (*Planning & Evacuation/Shelter Hardening*). Below is a breakdown on which investments were submitted and approved in FY06 from the Stakeholders Meeting in January 2006.

"Working to Protect People, Property and Our Communities"

Commonwealth's FY2006 HSGP Award Information:

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)	\$8,720,000
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)	<u>\$6,340,000</u>
<i>Total - ALL Programs with HSGP</i>	\$15,060,000

**Commonwealth's Approved Investments
within the State Homeland Security and Law
Enforcement Prevention Programs:**

	SHSP	LETPP	Total
Comprehensive Exercise Program	\$1,100,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 1,550,000
*Statewide Interoperable Communications	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Training for State & Local Officials	\$ 333,500	\$ 531,000	\$ 864,500
State, Regional & Local Planning (includes <i>Planning & Evacuation/Shelter Hardening</i>)	\$1,142,500		\$ 1,142,500
Law Enforcement Operations		\$1,091,000	\$ 1,091,000
*Citizen Preparedness	\$ 400,000		\$ 400,000
*Infrastructure Protection Implementation	\$2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000
<i>Total – Local Share (SHSP & LETPP)</i>	<u>\$6,976,000</u>	<u>\$5,072,000</u>	<u>\$12,048,000</u>
*Pass Thru funds to local units of governments			

In accordance with the FY 2006 Homeland Security Grant guidance, attached is a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding required from you that will enable us to obligate the local share portion of our grant allocation on your behalf in support of our major Homeland Security Programs.

Please execute the attached memorandum and provide an original copy by August 10, 2007. It should be mailed to:

Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Attn: Grants Office
10501 Trade Court
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Enclosure

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